

BABE RUTH SMASHES BALL FOR LONGEST HIT ON RECORD

Yankees' Great Slugger For Second Day Running Knocks Out Two Home Runs

Babe's Remarkable Slugging Biggest Factor in Again Humiliating the Once Nonpareil of Baseball, Ty Cobb and His Tigers.

By Isaac Shuman.

George Herman Ruth has nothing to do now but break his own batting record. He has broken all others, including his own.

The Babe started in yesterday by smashing the long-distance home run made the day before by clouting the third ball George Dauss pitched him in the third inning over the right center field bleachers for a distance of 450 feet, a truly tremendous wallop and said to be the longest hit ever made in major league baseball.

There is no mistake about the figures. Henry Fabian, groundkeeper of the Polo Grounds, and I measured it after the game, accompanied by another reporter.

The blow, which was the second home run the Babe had made off Dauss during the game, cleared the fence about twenty feet to the left of his hit of Monday, which went directly over the Tanglefoot sign through the bleachers' exit at that point.

Henry Fabian's tape measure shows it is 432 feet 3 inches from home plate to the point where Monday's hit cleared. The ball then fell to the ground at a distance ten feet from the fence line—a total of 442 feet 3 inches over all.

Yesterday's blow, however, had to travel 455 feet before it cleared the fence, because the inclosure curves outwardly and the angle of the arc bisected by the ball is 2 feet 9 inches further from home plate.

Also the ball remained in the air until it reached the fourth row of bleacher seats, whence it fell like a plummet to the unders underneath, exactly fifteen feet from the fence line—a total of 450 feet from the home plate and nearly eight feet longer than his "longest" hit of Monday.

The Polo Grounds and no other major league field have a hit to equal it in length. George Kelly's clout over the left field bleachers wall, Babe Wagner's even longer smash about fifteen feet to the right of that and Meusel's hit into the left center field bleachers are conceded by those who saw these hits made, although they were never measured, to have been shorter. Meusel's was perhaps the longest of the three, approaching Babe's hit of Monday for the record set by him then.

However, long as the Babe's hit was and it probably will be a mark for all batters, including the Babe him-

self, to shoot at for a long time, it is not, according to Henry Fabian, the longest hit ever made.

Henry has statistics in his memory from which he exhumed yesterday the records of a hit made by one Ed Cartwright in the year 1888 at New Orleans. Cartwright, said Henry, hit for 510 feet off Pitcher George Washington Bradley of Savannah, whose name is sufficient to make the story true.

But, in addition to the length of the blow, the day was otherwise full of glory for George Herman. It was, as has been said, the second homerun he had got during the game. It was the fourth he had got in two days and the day's clouting made the 15th day in succession that he had knocked out homers. He started last Friday against Bagby of Cleveland. He hit another Saturday off Middleton of the Tigers, another Sunday off Sutcliffe and then two Monday off Ehman and two yesterday off Dauss—seven altogether in five days, to say nothing of hitting four in succession.

Also it was his twenty-third four-base blow of the season, and the 126th of his major league career, exceeding the lifetime big league record of Cactus Cravath by five. And the Babe still a comparative youngster!

Incidentally, the Yankees made it, by the score of 9 to 8, a clean sweep, four in a row, off Ty Cobb's Tigers.

Ty, who had been in somewhat of an eclipse, slammed a homer across in the sixth off Rip Collins, but there was no one on a base, while Roger Peckinpaugh was on each time the Babe hit his.

After slamming his two homers in the first two times at bat, the Babe in the fifth swung mightily but glanced, and grounded weakly to Dauss, making an easy out at first.

Frank Baker also hit a home run in the seventh with both Ruth and Pipp on bases.

Baker was saved an error in the sixth by a magnificent throw by Pipp. Frank had overthrown first in his haste to throw out Hedmann, but Pipp retrieved the ball from right field and threw out Hedmann to Ward at second.

Aaron started one of the snappiest double plays in a day in the second by scooping Babe's hot grounder and beating Hedmann to second in time to throw out the Tiger first baseman at first. He was spiked during play but continued in the game.

How Babe Ruth Surpassed Own World's Home Run Record Here

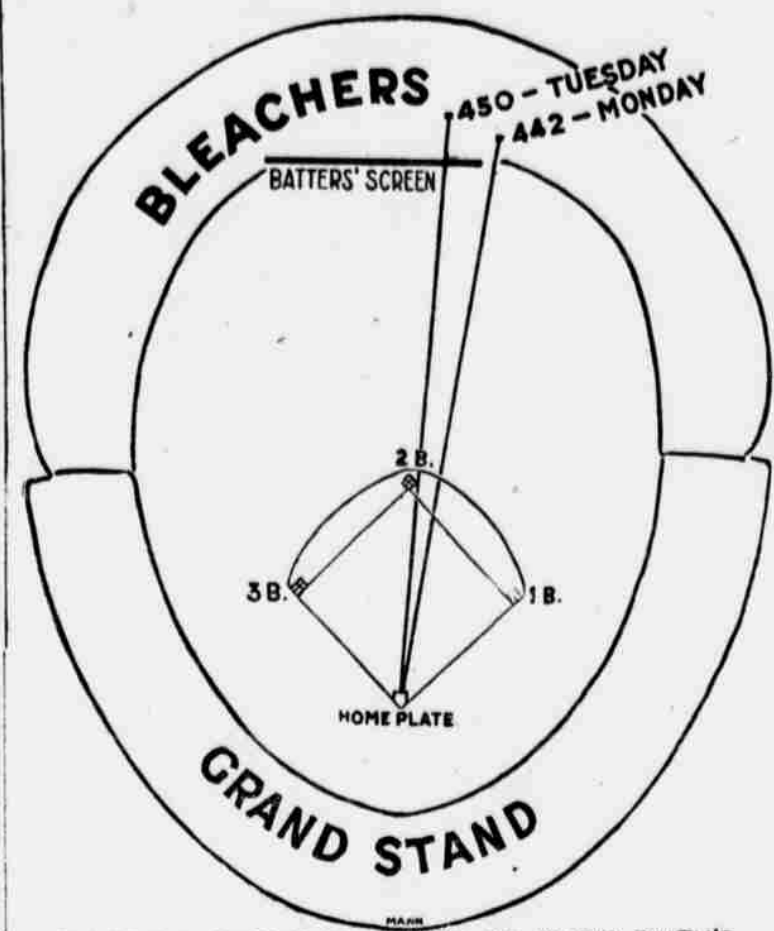


DIAGRAM SHOWS DISTANCE OF BABE RUTH'S RECORD HOME RUN HITS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

Mission Bells Is Year's Best Filly

THE Belmont meeting has, among other things, developed the fact that John H. Rosseter of California and John E. Madden of Kentucky, both of them breeders, are engaged in their legal battle for the possession of a mighty filly sire in Friar Rock, the son of Rock Sand.

Several of Friar Rock's got have performed impressively on Metropolitan tracks lately, but none more convincingly than Mission Bells, a daughter of Sanctuary, who galloped home in yesterday's final with an advantage of five lengths, meanwhile proving herself one of the best fillies shown this year. Her performance was generally regarded as better than that of the Whitney filly, Calamity Jane, at Jamaica, who had been counted on

to take the measure of My Reverie, the Southern queen, and so decide the filly championship of the spring season.

Mission Bells was away none too well in yesterday's race, but quickly sprang into the lead, which she could have increased by several more lengths, according to expert eyewitnesses, and she was meeting some of the best of her sex and age, some who are counted upon to accomplish great things before the season is over with. Behind Mission Bells at the finish were two other daughters of Friar Rock in Flying Jib and Confusion, and both have shown efforts above the ordinary.

Flying Jib, racing as the Rosseter second string yesterday, was bothered badly soon after the start, forced to a rearward position, and could not well find her way through the weaving mass in front, while Confusion was weakly ridden by the veteran, Eddie Martin, whose efforts to drive her in the final test were woefully ineffectual, so that she was an eventual trailer.

BABE RUTH'S HOMERUN RECORD NUMBERS 23.

Babe Ruth added two more home runs to his 1921 crop at the Polo Grounds yesterday when he slammed the ball into the left field bleachers in the first inning and into the center field bleachers in the seventh. The Babe now has made seven circuit smashes in the last five games and his total for the season is 23.

He needs 32 more to pass the mark he established last year. The chances are in favor of his beating his own record, for the Yanks have 100 games to play.

Ruth made his twenty-second home run in 1920 off Penock at the Polo Grounds on June 25 and his twenty-third off Bigbee at Philadelphia on June 30. He is 16 days ahead of his last year's record. He now has a grand total of 120 home runs to his credit.

GIANTS BREAK LOSING STREAK BY BEATING CARDS

ST. LOUIS, June 15.—The New York Giants broke their losing streak, which has cost them six consecutive games, by winning yesterday's game from the St. Louis Cardinals by a score of 6 to 4. The Cards, who had previous to this game had a run of ten victories, played a very wobbly game in the field, in fact so weak were they that many wondered how they managed to beat the Giants the first three games of the series. Six errors were made by the Card team, and many of them inexcusable. Ross Young was back into the Giant lineup, and he played a prominent part both in the field and at bat.

DODGERS LOSE TO CINCINNATI IN FINAL GAME

CINCINNATI, June 15.—By amazing five runs in the first two innings the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers again yesterday, scoring a comparatively easy victory over the champions, and making it three games out of the four played here this series. Eppa Rixey did the hurrying for the home club, and though he was easily hit he was in real danger only twice. Pieffer was hard hit from the beginning, the Reds jumping him for one run in the first inning and for four in the second. After that the Dodgers had little chance to catch up with the hard-hitting Reds. The score was: Reds, 7; Dodgers, 2.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

AMERICAN LEAGUE.						Hatteries—Bagby and Nunnemaker; Shaw Gibbs.	
Clubs.	W.	L.	P.C.	Clubs.	W.	L.	P.C.
Cleveland	34	21	.618	Boston	23	25	.479
New York	33	21	.611	St. Louis	25	29	.463
Washington	30	26	.536	Chicago	22	29	.431
Detroit	29	29	.500	Philadelphia	18	34	.344

SALES TO-DAY.	
Chicago at New York.	
Detroit at Boston.	
St. Louis at Washington.	
Cleveland at Philadelphia.	

GAMES YESTERDAY.				
At Polo Grounds—		R. H. E.		
Det.	0 0 0 0 1 0 5 0	5	14	0
New York	2 0 2 1 0 1 3 0	0	10	8
Matteries—Dause and Hamler; Collins and Hoffman.				
At Boston—				
Chicago	1 0 0 0 2 0 5 0 0	4	13	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE.							
Clubs.	W. L.	P. C.	Clubs.	W. L.			
Pittsburgh	35	16	.686	Brooklyn	26	30	.464
New York	33	20	.623	Chicago	21	27	.438
St. Louis	27	25	.519	Cincinnati	22	32	.407
Boston	26	25	.510	Philadelphia	16	33	.327

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.			
Club.	W.	L.	P. C.
Baltimore	41	16	.686
Buffalo	31	22	.585
Newark	28	26	.519
Rochester	25	25	.500
St. Louis	24	28	.460
Jersey City	24	29	.453
Syracuse	20	29	.408
Reading	14	28	.338

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St. Louis	41	16	.686
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